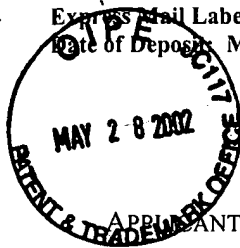


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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

This paper is in response to the November 26, 2001 Office Action. These documents are due on Tuesday, May 28, 2002. A Petition for a three-month extension of time along with the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith. Applicants believe that no additional fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-534C CIP1 (Cura 34C CIP1).

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In the Specification:

Please replace the priority information beginning at line 12 on page 1 with the following:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S.S.N. 09/442,849, filed November 17, 1999, which claims priority to U.S.S.N. 09/442,129 and U.S.S.N. 09/443,199, both filed November 16, 1999, and to U.S.S.N. 60/109,024, filed November 17, 1998. The contents of these applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at line 8 on page 23 with the following text:

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